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REVISED GIS CHECKLIST

The RR Program has updated its "Checklist of Documents for GIS Registry Packet", publication RR-688 to be consistent with changes made to the checklist included in the Case Summary and Closure Request form. The GIS checklist helps consultants and responsible parties include all of the information we need to review and approve a case closure request for sites that will be on the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites due to residual contamination. The checklist also provides the appropriate order in which the information should be arranged for the most efficient review. The revision also includes two new provisions near the end. One of these is inclusion of a copy of the letter sent to the current property owner, if this is not the same as the person who is requesting case closure. This letter needs to be modified slightly from the Appendix A letter that is sent to off-source property owners (affected neighboring properties) with the information required by s. NR 726.05(3)4g., because the off-site liability exemption does not apply to the existing property owner. The other new item on the checklist is the addresses of the affected off-source properties. The revised checklist is on the web at

http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR688.pdf. If you have questions about the checklist, please contact Jane Lemcke at Jane.Lemcke@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-267-0554.

GIS UPGRADE COMING

This July the RR Program will update the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites. After July 5, the database will be replaced by a new application, and users will be redirected to the new web location. The upgrade will maintain all the functions of the existing Registry while providing new features, greater reliability and more timely data. The GIS Registry is located at: http://maps.dnr.state.wi.us/brrts. The Registry only contains information on closed sites with groundwater contamination remaining above ch. NR 140 enforcement standards, or soil contamination above NR 720 residual contaminant levels. For more information about the Registry, please contact Jane Lemcke at Jane.Lemcke@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-267-0554.

MAXIMIZE FUNDING OPTONS

When searching and planning for brownfield cleanup funds, don't overlook opportunities to "pair" state and federal grants. Often state grants can be applied toward the local cost share for federal grants. If, for example, a municipality has a Site Assessment Grant (SAG) and is preparing a federal grant application, e.g. an EPA brownfield grant or a HUD Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grant, the state grant may be eligible as part of the local cost share. For redevelopment projects that include an energy efficiency component, you may also be able to use a Wisconsin Department of Administration Focus on Energy grant toward the cost share for a BEDI grant. For more information about Focus on Energy, please see http://www.focusonenergy.com/page.jsp?pageld=1171. For more information about BEDI funds, please see

http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/bedi/bfieldfinance.cfm.
BEDI grant applications are due July 15. For a summary of funding options, please see our Financial Help web pages, and our "Financial Resources Guide" at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/index.htm.

NEW ON THE WEB - RESOURCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

In our continual quest to provide the best possible internet resources, we have converted our "Technical" web page into "Resources for Environmental Professionals". Take a look at the new format and added resources, including links to important tools such as building on abandoned landfills, hazardous waste cleanups, certified laboratories, case closure tools and relevant forms. "Resources for Environmental Professionals is at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/technical/index.htm.

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